

## Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of Missouri.

### FIRST CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.—Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri, an amendment to section 47 of article IV of the constitution thereof.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That at the general election to be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1904, the following amendment to section 47 of article IV of the constitution of the State of Missouri, be submitted to the qualified voters of said state, to wit:

Section 1.—That section 47 of article IV of the constitution be amended by adding thereto the following words, to wit: "and provided further, that the general assembly may provide by law for the pensioning of members of police departments in cities having one hundred thousand inhabitants or more, who may become disabled, crippled or superannuated, after their widows and minor children of such persons after their decease, and for the relief of the widows and minor children of deceased members of the police departments in such cities; the funds for such purposes to be appropriated as provided by the general assembly from the municipal revenue of such cities."

### SECOND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.—Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri, an amendment to the constitution thereof, providing for the reservation to the people of the right to propose measures for enactment, to require amendments of the general assembly to be submitted to a vote of the people for ratification, and to define referendum and initiative petitions and the relations of the executive and the general assembly to measures approved or enacted by electors.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That at the general election to be held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday of November, 1904, there shall be submitted to the electors of the State of Missouri, an amendment to section 1, article 4 of the state constitution, so that said section, when amended, shall read as follows:

Section 1. The legislative power, subject to the limitations hereafter contained, shall be vested in a senate and house of representatives, to be styled "the general assembly of the state of Missouri." The legislative power of any municipal division of this state (such as city, town or village), on its own municipal matters is inherent and shall be vested in the electors of such municipal division, subject to such laws of a general nature, having uniform operation throughout the state as the general assembly may enact. A number of electors in each congressional district in this state, equal to ten per cent. of the total number of votes cast in each congressional district at the last preceding general election for governor, shall have power to propose any law, amendment or repeal of a law, and require that it be referred to the electors of the state, except as above stated, to be voted on at the next general election, provided, the election does not occur within sixty days after the filing of the petition with the secretary of the state, and after the date of the official declaration of the result of the vote, if approved by a majority of those voting thereon.

A number of electors in each congressional district in this state equal to twenty per cent. of the total number of votes cast in each congressional district at the last preceding general election for governor, shall have power to propose any law, amendment or repeal of a law, and require that it be referred to the electors of the state, except as above stated, to be voted on at the next general election, provided, the election does not occur within sixty days after the filing of the petition with the secretary of the state, and after the date of the official declaration of the result of the vote, if approved by a majority of those voting thereon.

### OLD FARMS NOT FOR SALE

Some New Englanders Hold Them for Burial Sites for Absent Children.

"All the farms in New England are not in the market," said a man whose business tends to speculation in farm property, according to the New York Sun. "Some are being held by old people as a matter of sentiment."

"In one of my recent trips down in Maine I stopped at a farmhouse that was erected more than 60 years ago. The owner did not know it, but I had gone all over his land and had taken a fancy to it. He and his housekeeper were the sole occupants of the house at the time of my visit."

"We were on the veranda one evening, when I broached the subject of buying his farm. He said it was not for sale at any price. I suggested as diplomatically as I could that he would not need the place much longer, and that with the money I proposed to pay him he could pass the remainder of his days in peace and independence."

"I knew that he had a boy in New York who was doing well, and who would never return to the old farm. I mentioned this as an inducement to make the trade. He shook his head the more determinedly."

"That's the reason," he said, "that I don't want to sell. If it was not for that boy I might be tempted to let the old place go. But it's this way:

"He was born here. He went to school not more than three miles from here. He knows every path in the woods. He has played all over this ground as far as your eyes can see."

"Just across the field over there is the family burying ground. His mother and brother and sisters are all there, side by side. I guess you are right when you say he will not want to come back. He's got to be quite a city man, and I never expect to see him come back here to live. Perhaps

per cent. of the total number of votes cast in each congressional district at the last preceding general election for governor, shall have power to propose any law, amendment or repeal of a law, and require that it be referred to the electors of the state, except as above stated, to be voted on at the next general election, provided, the election does not occur within sixty days after the filing of the petition with the secretary of the state, and after the date of the official declaration of the result of the vote, if approved by a majority of those voting thereon.

All the component parts or sheets of any petition, used to receive the signatures of electors, in which either the initiative or referendum as heretofore described, shall have plainly printed thereon the full text of the measure to be referred or proposed, and each signer thereof shall give his postoffice address, and, if in a city or town, the street and number of residence shall be included.

One of the signers, a qualified voter, on each paper shall make a declaration, that the statements therein made are true, and that each signature in said paper appended to the petition is the signature of the person whose name purports to be thereto subscribed. Any person who shall make a false affidavit to any petition or any component part thereof, as above provided shall be guilty of perjury.

The veto power of the governor shall not be exercised as to the laws approved or enacted by the electors. This amendment shall not be construed so as to deprive the general assembly of the right to pass, or any member thereof, of the right to propose any law or amend any law, or the legislature of the right to repeal any law. The enacting clause of every law shall be, "Be it enacted by the people of the State of Missouri," as of heretofore.

All provisions of the constitution of this state and all laws thereof, not consistent with this amendment, shall upon its adoption, be forever rescinded and of no effect.

### THIRD CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.—Senate joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the state an amendment to article X of the constitution of the State of Missouri, concerning taxation, by adding a new section to be designated as section twenty-seven (27).

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That at the general election to be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1904, the following amendment to the constitution of the state of Missouri concerning taxation shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said state, to wit:

Section 1. That article X of the constitution of the state of Missouri be amended by adding thereto one new section, to be designated as section twenty-seven (27), which is in words and figures, as follows:

Section 27. A state tax of five cents on the one hundred dollars assessed valuation shall be levied and collected annually on all objects and subjects of taxation. All moneys derived from said tax shall be set aside and appropriated to the school districts of the state, annually, as other school moneys are apportioned by law. Every school district shall, out of said moneys, supply textbooks on orthography, reading in English, penmanship, arithmetic, English grammar, modern geography, history of the United States, civics, government and civility, and a game for free use of children in the public schools and the remainder, if any, may be used for the purchase of textbooks for the higher grades for like use or for other school purposes.

### FOURTH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.—Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the state an amendment to the constitution of Missouri, repealing section 24, article XII, and enacting a new section in lieu thereof.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein, as follows: That at the general election to be held on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1904, the following amendment to the constitution of the state of Missouri concerning corporations, railroads shall be submitted to the qualified voters of this state, to wit:

That section 24, article XII of the constitution of this state shall be repealed and in lieu thereof the following shall be enacted: "Every railroad or other transportation company doing business in the state of Missouri shall grant free passes or transportation over its line or lines in Missouri to the governor, lieutenant-governor, secretary of state, attorney-general, state auditor, state treasurer, superintendent of public schools, to each

of the railroad commissioners, to each of the judges of the supreme court, to each judge of the St. Louis general city court of appeals, to each circuit and common pleas judge in this state, to each member of the general assembly of this state, to each sheriff in this state, and to each clerk or superintendent of each of the several public institutions of this state supported by appropriations made by this state, and during the official term of said several officers, and the failure of any railroad or transportation company to furnish such pass or transportation to each sheriff in this state, shall be a forfeiture of its charter or license to do business in this state. And every railroad corporation in existence at the time of the adoption of this section of the constitution that may hereafter accept the benefit of any aid, franchise or future legislation of this state, or of any municipal subdivision of this state, shall by such acceptance thereby agree to all the provisions of this section and is subject to all its penalties.

### FIFTH CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.—Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to the constitution providing for the creation of a fund to erect a new state capitol.

Be it resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring therein: That at the general election to be held in this state on Tuesday next following the first Monday in November, 1904, the following amendment to the constitution of this state concerning the erection of a new state capitol shall be submitted to the qualified voters of the state, to wit:

Section 1. That the general assembly shall levy for five years an annual tax of four cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of the real and personal property of the state for the purpose of creating a fund for the erection of a new state capitol; provided, that any surplus remaining in said fund, after the construction and equipment of said building, shall be transferred to the credit of the general revenue fund of the state. The general assembly shall, by appropriate legislation, enforce this amendment.

### STATE OF MISSOURI.—L. Sam B. Cook, Secretary of State of the State of Missouri, hereby certifies that the foregoing are full, true and complete copies of the concurrent resolutions of the Forty-second General Assembly of the State of Missouri—First constitutional amendment, entitled:

"Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri, an amendment to section 47 of article IV of the constitution thereof."

Second constitutional amendment, entitled: "Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the State of Missouri, an amendment to the constitution thereof, providing for the reservation to the people of the right to propose measures for enactment, to require amendments of the general assembly to be submitted to a vote of the people for ratification, and to define referendum and initiative petitions and the relations of the executive and the general assembly to measures approved or enacted by electors."

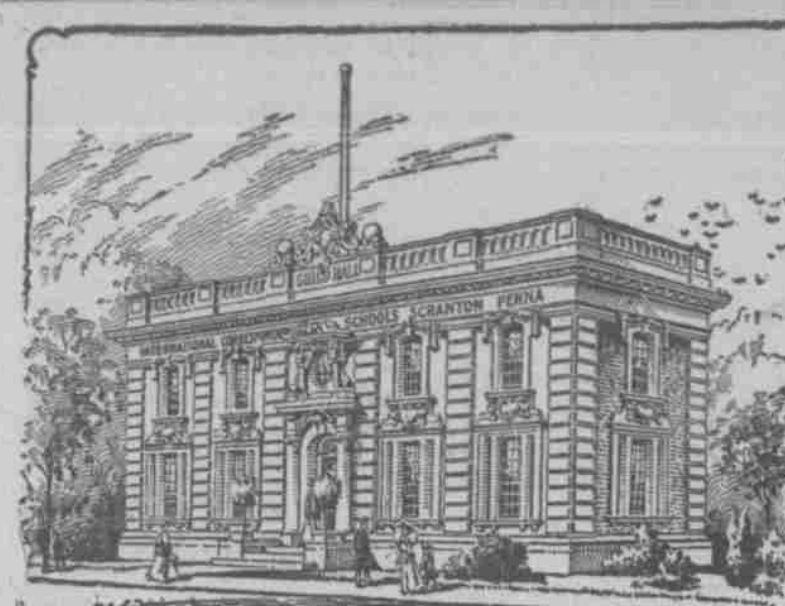
Third constitutional amendment, entitled: "Senate joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the state an amendment to article X of the constitution of the State of Missouri, concerning taxation, by adding a new section thereto, to be designated as section twenty-seven (27)."

Fourth constitutional amendment, entitled: "Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of the state an amendment to the constitution of Missouri, repealing section 24, article XII, and enacting a new section in lieu thereof."

Fifth constitutional amendment, entitled: "Joint and concurrent resolution submitting to the qualified voters of Missouri an amendment to the constitution providing for the creation of a fund to erect a new state capitol."

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and affix the GREAT SEAL of the State of Missouri, Done at office in the City of Jefferson this thirteenth day of September, A. D. 1904.

L. Sam B. Cook  
SECRETARY OF STATE.



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